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1. RE GDR'S REPORTED WORRIES THAT ZAIRE MIGHT BREAK RELATIONS (REFTEL), THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS GOZ INTENDS TO DO SO AND WE DOUBT IT WOULD SO LONG AS EAST GERMANS MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE IN ANGOLA. EVEN SOVIETS, WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED BY GOZ OF OUTRIGHT AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAIRE, HAVE MANAGED TO RETAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. SINCE NOVEMBER GDR REPRESENTATIVES HERE, ALONG WITH SOVIETS AND REPS OF OTHER WARSAW PACT MISSIONS, HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO CITY OF KINSHASA. ANY TRAVEL, EVEN TO AIRPORT, SUBJECT TO ADVANCE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. REASON GOVEN BY GOZ IS IT CAN NOT ASSURE SECURITY OF DIPLOMATS OUTSIDE CITY.

3. IN RECENT TALK WITH AMBASSADOR, SOVIET AMBASSADOR COMPLAINED THAT CONTINUED TRAVEL BAN WAS DISCRIMINATORY, NOTING IT NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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APPLICABLE TO CHINESE, NORTH KOREANS "OR EVEN THE CUBANS."

POLISH AMBASSADOR ALSO COMPLAINED THAT HIS EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE WERE SUBJECT TO HARASSMENT," (E.G., UNANNOUNCED INTERRUPTIONS OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY SERVICE). WE SUSPECT RESTRICTIONS WILL PERSIST SO LONG AS GOZ CONTINUES ON PRESENT TACK OF PUBLICLY BERATING SOVIETS FOR THREATENING ZAIRE'S SECURITY.
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